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In re Application of:

WILLIAM L. TREPICCHIO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/852,400

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For: COMPOSITIONS, KITS, AND
METHODS FOR IDENTIFICATION,
ASSESSMENT, PREVENTION,
AND THERAPY OF PSORIASIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated July 23, 2002 (Paper No.8) in the above-identified application, as follows

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-42), drawn to method(s) and kit(s) which comprises measuring the expression level of a particular marker (i.e. gene) associated with psoriasis or a TH-1 associated condition, classified in at least, for example, Class 435, subclasses 6 and 7.1 and Class 536, subclass 23.1 and 24.3; or

Group II (Claims 43-47), drawn to method(s) and kit(s) for treating a subject with psoriasis or a TH-1 associated condition or a subject at risk thereof, classified in at least, for example, Class 514, subclasses 2 and 44.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely Claims 43-47.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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